

The Jamie Bishop Memorial Scholarship Application Form

The Jamie Bishop Memorial Scholarship was established in memory and in honor of Christopher James “Jamie” Bishop, who died during the tragic shooting at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007. Jamie was a faculty member in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. As a German instructor, he held “the conviction that learning a foreign language and culture is not just a joy, but is fundamental to our civilization - if we are to be civilized.”

The scholarship is for an undergraduate student who at the time of receipt of the study abroad funds is a German major or minor and who is participating in a study abroad program in a German-speaking country for either a semester or a year. The funds may also be used to support such a student pursuing an internship or research in a German-speaking country.

According to Virginia Tech guidelines, the recipient of the scholarship must write a letter of thanks to the donor. This letter must be submitted to the chair of the selection committee, Dr. Esther Bauer.

Please address all five sections below. Simply type the information onto the form, save your responses, and submit the completed application electronically to Dr. Esther Bauer (bauere@vt.edu).

Please note that acceptance of this scholarship may affect your financial aid package.

Deadlines:

April 1 for the upcoming summer

December 1 for the following spring and/or summer

A. General information

Name

E-Mail Address

Major(s)

Minor(s)

GPA in German major

Overall GPA

Total hours earned

B. Reference

Please provide the name and email address for a faculty member who can speak to your academic performance. Your reference may not be a member of the scholarship selection committee (Drs. Esther Bauer, Stefanie Hofer, Bryan Klausmeyer, Debra Stoudt).

Reference name and email:

C. Study abroad program (or internship or research project)

1. Please describe the study abroad program (or internship or research project) you will participate in during the award year. Include the name of the program, its location, its cost, the length of your stay abroad, and your anticipated plan of study (courses). Please indicate whether you already have: a) applied, and b) been accepted. If you have been accepted, please attach a copy of the acceptance notification to your application. Proof of acceptance does not have to be submitted by the application deadline but must be forwarded by January 15 (for the spring semester) or April 30 (for the summer semester) to Dr. Esther Bauer.
2. Please indicate any previous study abroad or internship experience: when, where, and what program.

D. Extracurricular activities

List any relevant extracurricular activities.

E. Essay

Please write a response, no more than one page (400-500 words), to the quotation above, that "learning a foreign language and culture is not just a joy, but is fundamental to our civilization - if we are to be civilized."